Kerboodle

Activate Kerboodle is packed full of guided support and ideas for running and creating effective Key Stage 3 Science lessons, and assessing and facilitating students’ progress. It’s intuitive to use, customizable, and can be accessed online.

Activate Kerboodle consists of:
- Activate Lessons, Resources, and Assessment (includes teacher access to the accompanying Kerboodle Book)
- Activate Kerboodle Books.

Lessons, Resources, and Assessment
Activate Kerboodle – Lessons, Resources, and Assessment provides hundreds of engaging lesson resources as well as a comprehensive assessment package. Kerboodle offers flexibility and comprehensive support for both the Activate course and your own scheme of work. You can adapt many of the resources to suit your students’ needs, with all non-interactive activities available as editable Word documents. You can also upload your existing resources so that everything can be accessed from one location.

Kerboodle is online, allowing you and your students to access the course anytime, anywhere. Set homework and assessments through the Assessment system, and track progress using the Markbook.

Lessons, Resources, and Assessment provide:
- Lessons
- Resources
- Assessment and Markbook
- Teacher access to the Kerboodle Book.

The resource section contains:
Click on the Lesson tab at the bottom of the screen to access the full list of Activate lesson resources.

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- Fully customizable content to cater all your classes. Resources can be created using the create button.
- Existing resources can be uploaded onto the platform using the upload button.
- Page navigator shows resources matching to particular pages in the Student Book and Kerboodle Book.
- Resources matching every lesson in the Activate series are shown here.

The resource section contains:
- Practicals and Activities Fully-editable resources to develop Working Scientifically skills. In addition to an Activity Sheet and a Support or Access sheet, a set of Teacher and Technician Notes is provided to offer further ideas on differentiation, answers, and a list of resources required by technicians.
- Interactive Screens Starters and plenaries to accompany each lesson, as an interactive alternative to maximise student participation.
- Skill Sheets Targeted and supportive skill sheets focus on crucial Maths and Working Scientifically skills. These sheets are generic and provide guidance and examples to help students whenever they need to use the particular skill. You can find the ‘Skill Sheets’ in the ‘Additional support’ folder, and they are referenced in relevant lessons in the Teacher Handbook.
- Animations Animations focus on explaining difficult concepts using real-life contexts, engaging visuals, and narration. They are structured to clearly support a set of learning objectives and are followed by an Interactive Screen to help consolidate key points.
- Videos Videos help students to visualise difficult concepts using engaging visuals and narration. They are structured to clearly address a set of learning objectives.
- Skills Interactives Automarked interactive activities with formative feedback focus on key Maths, Literacy, and Working Scientifically skills. You can use these activities in class to help consolidate key skills relevant to the lesson. They can also be set as homework by accessing them through the Assessment tab.
Assessment and Markbook
All of the Assessment material in Kerboodle has been quality assured by our expert Assessment Editor. Click on the Assessment tab to find a wide range of assessment materials to help you deliver a varied, motivating, and effective assessment programme.

It’s easy to import class registers and create user accounts for your students. Once your classes are set up, you can assign them assessments to do at home, individually, or as a group.

A Markbook with reporting function helps you to keep track of your students’ results. This includes both automarked assessments and work that needs to be marked by you.

A Markbook and reporting function help you track your students’ progress.

Assign assessments with ‘practice’ in the title if you want your students to get formative feedback on each answer before having another go.

Assign assessments with ‘test’ in the title if you want your students to have summative feedback, with only one attempt at each question.

Practice or test?
Each automarked assessment in Activate is available in formative or summative versions.

Practice versions of the assessment provide screen-by-screen feedback, focussing on misconceptions, and provide hints for the students to help them revise their answer. Students are given the opportunity to try again. Marks are reported to the Markbook.

Test versions of the assessment provide feedback on performance at the end of the test. Students are only given one attempt at each screen but can view them and see which answers they got wrong after completing the activity. Marks are reported to the Markbook.

The Assessment section provides ample opportunity for student assessment before, during, and after studying a unit.

Before each unit

Unit Pre-tests These automarked tests revise and assess students’ knowledge of Key Stage 2 content. Students are given feedback on their answers to help them correct gaps and misconceptions.

End-of-Unit Pre-tests These automated assessments are ramped and focus on revising content from the unit. They can be assigned to students as homework revision ahead of formal end-of-unit testing.

End-of-Unit Tests These written assessments mimic examination-style questions. They include QWC, Working Scientifically, and quantitative problem-solving questions and are available in two tiers. The Foundation paper contains developing and secure questions. The Higher paper has a full range of questions, stretching to extending. You can use the Raw Score Converter to convert scores to levels, bands, or grades.

Big Practical Projects These written assessments focus on Working Scientifically and Literacy skills. Students plan and complete an investigation based on a given scenario. The Foundation paper contains developing and secure questions. The Higher paper has a full range of questions, stretching to extending.

Kerboodle Book
The Activate Kerboodle Book provides a digital version of the Student Book for you to use on your students at the front of the classroom.

Teacher access to the Kerboodle Book is automatically available as part of the Lessons, Resources, and Assessment package. You can also purchase additional access for your students.

A set of tools is available with the Kerboodle Book so you can personalize your book and make notes.

Like all other resources offered on Kerboodle, the Kerboodle Book can also be accessed using a range of devices.

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Through each chapter

Progress Quizzes These automated assessments focus on content midway through a chapter to help you keep track of students as they move through the course.

Skills Interactives These automated interactives focus specifically on Maths, Literacy, and Working Scientifically skills.

Interactive Investigations These automated assessments are set in the context of an investigation. Each screen assesses a different Working Scientifically skill.

Progress Tasks These written task-based assessments focus on progress in Maths, Literacy, and Working Scientifically skills. Each task uses a real-life scenario and comes with a progress ladder for students to self- or peer-assess their work.

Checkpoint Assessments These automated assessments determine whether students have a secure grasp of concepts from the chapter. These assessments are ramped in difficulty and can be followed up by the Checkpoint Lesson revision and extension activities.

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